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SUBJ: SOVIET DELEGATION VISITS ZAMBIA

1. A DELEGATION OF CIVIC LEADERS VISITING ZAMBIA FROM THE TADENIK S.S.R. CITY OF DUSHAMBE SAID IN NDOLA THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS READY TO PROVIDE MILITARY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA ON REQUEST, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO CUBAN OR SOVIET SOLDIERS

NOW IN ZAMBIA. JURA LDZIFOV, HEAD OF THE THREE-MAN TEAM, SAID AT A JULY 16 RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE MAYOR OF NDOLA THAT BOTH CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE ATTEMPTING TO "REBUILD COUNTRIES STILL UNDER THE COLONIAL YOKE" AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO AID ZAMBIA IN THE STRUGGLE TO ELIMINATE "COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND RACISM" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SOVIET POLICY IN AFRICA, ACCORDING TO LATIFOV, IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RATHER THAN TO PURSUE SELFISH INTERESTS. "YOUR ENEMIES ARE OUR ENEMIES," LATIFOV TOLD THE AUDIENCE BEFORE LEAVING FOR LUSAKA. "WE WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER ALL ROUND ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE STRUGGLING MUSSES," HE SAID. THE DSLCBATIC VISITED ZAMBIA FOR EIGHT DAYS IN CONNECTION WITH DUSHAMBE'S "SISTER CITY" RELATIONSHIP WITH LUSAKA.

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2. LUSAKA MAYOR SIMON MWEWA HAD EARLIER CREDITED SOVIET AID TO THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WITH HAVING FORCED IAN SMITH TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. HE SAID UPON WELCOMING THE GROUP TOGLAMBIJE ON JULY 10 THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT PURSUING SELFISH AIMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT INSTEAD HAD A "HUMANISTIC" ATTITUDE WHICH RECOGNIZES EACH MAN'S RIGHT TO

DETERMINE HIS OWN DESTINY. WITHOUT MOSCOW'S SUPPORT, SAID MWEWA,
MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD STILL BE COLONIES TODAY.

3. THE ZAMBIAN AND SOVIET CIVIC LEADERS AGREED TO EXCHANGE
CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION AS PART OF THEIR "SISTER CITY"
ACCORD. THE TWO CITIES WILL ALSO SPONSOR A STUDY TO EXAMINE THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AFRICA'S FIRST SILK INDUSTRY IN
LUSAKA.
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